

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for purifying [[an]] a human immunosuppressant protein (HISP) the method comprising:
- a) obtaining supernatant from hNT cells;
 - b) exposing the supernatant to preparative polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis to produce 20 isoelectric fractions, including active isoelectric fraction #10;
 - c) placing the active isoelectric fraction on a Blue Sepharose column to bind albumin;
- and
- d) collecting the free fraction containing the concentrated, isolated HISP.

Claims 2-5 (cancelled).

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein step a is followed by and step b is preceded by the step of i. concentrating using ultrafiltration.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein step a is followed by and step b is preceded by the step of i. fractionating the supernatant on a Sephacryl gel.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the next step is ii. combining groups of five collected fractions and optionally determining the peak active fraction.